depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stock verification etc;

(vi) Augmentation of covered storage capacity;

(vii) Introduction of machine stitching of bags.

Development of State Capitals

50. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plans to develop State capitals with a special allocation from the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): There is no special scheme for grant of Central assistance to the State Governments for developing their State Capitals, Urban Development is a State subject and it is for the concerned State Governments to find measures for the purpose from their Plan allocations.

(b) Does not arise.

Downward Trend in Tourist flow in India

51. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been continuous decline in the Tourists visiting India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage growth of tourists in flow in India;

(d) whether Government have extended concessions to tourists within the country in its ITDC tourist resorts; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been a decline in foreign tourist traffic in India during 1990 and during January 1991 due to various reasons including adverse publicity of disturbances in some parts of the country in the overseas markets, reduced air seat capacity in the domestic sector, political and economic developments in the tourist generating countries including Soviet Union and the Gulf crisis.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to encourage tourist inflow in India include introduction of multientry visas, simplification of procedure for obtaining visas, relaxation of rules regarding restricted area permits, provision of money changing facilities in hotels and other establishments, upgradation of tourism infrastructural facilities and strengthening of tourism promotional effarts.

(d) and (e) ITDC has extended concessions in the form of various packages like students and Farmer s Package Senior Citizen|Silverline package, LTC Package, Weakend Package, You and me Package, etc. to domestic tourists.

Stoppage of subsidy on the production of Foodgrains

52. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been providing foodgrains subsidy to the farmers with a view to boost up its production in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether IMF/World Bank etc. have imposed any pre-condition of stopping the subsidy on the produc-

tion of foodgrains for providing loan assistance to India;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) in what manner Government would meet the challenge of production of foodgrains without subsidy; and

(f) whether Government would set up a Parliamentary Committee to take a realistic view before such a decision is taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) To motivate farmers for adoption of improved foodgrains production technology particularly for achieving varietal diversification, use of micronutrients, improved farm implements and plant protection equipments and for development of farm level irrigation sources, such as tubewells and dugwells. financial assistance is provided to weaker sections of farmers such as the small and marginal farmers.

(c) to (f) No pre-conditions have been laid down by the IMF/World Bank for stopping the subsidy on production of foodgrains.

Development of low cost building technology Centres

53. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any step to develop low cost building technology with a view to achieve the goal of "One dwellings" for each family;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have encouraged new "Mud Houses Technology" to meet the requirement of rural masses due to increasing resource constraints;

(d) if so, what are the achievements made in this direction, so far;

(e) whether Government have established "Low Cost Building Centres" in each state; and

(f) if so, what are the details of such centres?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a), (b), (e) and (f) Under a Central Scheme, Building Centres have been set up in various States for the transfer of low cost technology and appropriate materials as well as skill upgradation of artisans.

The details of such Centres set up so far are given below:

State	Centres Constituted
Andhra Pradesh	20
Assam	1
Bihar	1
Gujarat	6
Haryana	2
Karnataka	18
Kerala	16
Madhya Pradesh	4
Maharashtra	8
Meghalaya	1
Orissa	1
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	11
Uttar Pradesh	6
Tamil Nadu	10
West Bengal	2
Jammu & Kashmir	2
Delhi	4
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
Pondicherry	1
Total :	116